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1. Civilian traffic was barred from the Hela Pen-  
insula by a barbed-wire fence just south of the  
village of Moisternest. A small Soviet detail was  
stationed in the town of Hela. Its presence an-  
noyed Polish officers.
2. Although the direct course from Hela to Danzig-  
Neufahrwasser (Nowy Port) can be navigated safe-  
ly, all efforts by Polish authorities to cancel the  
ban on steering this direct course were blocked  
by Soviet authorities, who, for reasons of control,  
wish to maintain the route from Hela south to  
Nowy Port via the Gdynia marking buoy.
3. Soviet signalmen in Hela were very slipshod in their  
contact with ships passing in the night, as their  
lack of knowledge of the English language makes  
mutual understanding by signals impossible. Reports  
of the signal party in Hela were supplemented in  
the morning and evening by messages telephoned  
from Gdynia and Danzig.
4. In addition to visual-signal trans-mission the  
Soviets kept well informed on the positions of  
ships at all times by radio monitoring.\*\*

\*   Comment. The prescribed track in the lay of  
Danzig was confirmed by the German Nachrichten fuer  
Seefahrer (nautical information bulletin) of 1 April  
1950. The inability of the Poles to effect a change  
indicates that the Soviet military viewpoint still  
prevails.

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\* \*  Comment. The fact that Soviet personnel stationed at the southern tip of the Mela Peninsula supervise all shipping, not only from a visual-signal station but also by radio monitoring, is noteworthy. It again proves that the Poles - in their own country - are still subject to Soviet orders.

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